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*A Weekly Compilation of Environmental Education News from Across Louisiana*

## **LEEC NEWS**

### **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION STILL AVAILABLE FOR 2014 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM**

This year's symposium, featuring the theme "Watersheds: From My Back Yard to the Ocean" will be held at the Shreveport Convention Center, February 21 and 22. Find more details and registration information at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/louisiana-environmental-education-symposium>.

### **CORRECTION**

We apologize that some materials distributed for the Symposium feature the wrong group rate code for conference hotel registration. Please use the code "DWF" when registering at the Shreveport Hilton to receive the group rate.

## **EVENTS**

### **GRAND BAY NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE ADVENTURE QUENCHER EVENT**

Beginning January 18 at 9:30, experts from the Heritage Trails Partnership of the MS Gulf Coast will teach basic bicycle inspection and repair techniques and help riders identify and make minor repairs to their bicycles. Grand Bay NERR is located in southeastern Jackson County, MS.

After the repair workshop, participants will casually ride down to the Bayou Heron Boat Launch and back on Bayou Heron Road (a flat, paved, four-mile roundtrip ride with only a seven-foot change in elevation). Cyclists of all ages are welcome at this event. A fee of \$5.00 per person (or \$15.00 per family) payable to the Partnership will cover the cost of bicycle inspections and repairs for this event.

Pre-register for this event by calling 228-475-7047, by contacting Jennifer Buchanan at [jen.buchanan@dmr.ms.gov](mailto:jen.buchanan@dmr.ms.gov) or by registering at [their website](#).

### **LOUISIANA MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS VIE FOR NATIONAL RECOGNITION IN ANNUAL FUTURE CITY COMPETITION**

As global urban populations rise, energy and climate change issues are increasingly prevalent. Thus, the demand for creating transportation solutions that are quick, safe, reliable and sustainable has never been more urgent.

More than 40,000 middle school students from 1350 schools in 37 regions nationally have been tasked with *Tomorrow's Transit: Design A Way To Move People In And Around Your City*, figuring out those much-needed solutions for DiscoverE's 2013-14 Future City Competition. In Louisiana, 15 teams are slated to compete in the Future City Competition Regional Finals, to be held January 25, 2014 at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond.

First-place winners from each qualifying regional competition receive a trip to the Future City Competition National Finals in Washington, D.C., February 15-18, 2014 during Engineers Week. The national grand prize is \$7,000 for the team's school or after-school's STEM program and a trip to U.S. Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama.

For more information, visit <http://futurecity.org/region/louisiana>.

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

### **EARLY REGISTRATION EXTENDED FOR 2014 STATE OF THE COAST CONFERENCE IN NEW ORLEANS**

Educators and students are invited to attend the 2014 conference, established by the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana (CRCL) and the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana (CPRA). The conference will be held at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, LA from March 18 - 20, 2014, and features 88 total sessions with 171 presenters and over 50 panelists and speakers. Professional development hours are available for educators. The early registration fee of \$310 is available until Friday January 24, 2014.

Visit <http://www.stateofthecoast.org/> for more information.

## **LAGNIAPPE**

### ***SURVEY ON SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES***

North American association for Environmental Education member Doctor Shelby Gull Laird, on behalf of Charles Sturt University in Australia, is seeking environmental educators' input on a survey on sustainable fisheries (Please consider answering even if you do not eat fish). The survey takes 10-15 minutes to fill out and will help provide information on how people think about seafood purchases and sustainable fisheries. The survey will remain open until 28 February 2014.



"Victory Packer" by Gilfoto, courtesy Wikimedia Commons.

Take the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/sustainablefisheries>.

### **LOUISIANA REGION 5 SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR SEEKS SPONSORS**

For 60 years now, the Region V Science and Engineering Fair has challenged students from third grade through high school across Southwest Louisiana. Past winning projects have included: An Automated Test for Atrial Fibrillation, a Self-Guided Waterway Survey Testing Vessel; Natural Mosquito Suppression; Computerized Reading of Dental X-Rays, and many others. Southwestern LA's group is seeking funding to run the regional fair and send winners to the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. Interested parties should contact:

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